



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Animal Control Officers Investigate Pit Bull Attacks

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *February 19, 2010* – On February 18, Hollister Police Animal Control Officers responded to three separate calls regarding pit bulls.

The first incident occurred at about 8 a.m. in the area of Monterey and Seventh Streets. A pit bull escaped from its yard and attacked a dog being walked on a leash. The owner of the pit bull ran after his dog after seeing it run off his property. When the pit bull attacked the other dog, the pit bull's owner tried to separate the two. The other dog bit the pit bull's owner. The pit bull was impounded pending an investigation, and the other dog was placed on a 10-day quarantine.

Then, at about 10 a.m., Animal Control Officers responded to El Toro Drive after a man reported he was attacked in his front yard by an at-large pit bull. The man and his dog were in his front yard when the pit bull attacked his dog. The man was bitten by the pit bull when he tried to break up the fight. He was taken to Hazel Hawkins Hospital for treatment of his injuries. The pit bull was impounded and placed on a 10-day quarantine.

Finally, at 3p.m., Animal Control Officers received a call of a pit bull at large on Sally Street. The pit bull was located and found to be aggressive. Officers chased the dog to a residence in the 200 block of Sally Street, where they found two other pit bulls tethered to a tree and the residence. All three dogs were impounded due to poor living conditions, and for other health and safety code violations, including tethering a dog to fixed objects for extended periods.

Hollister Police Animal Control Officers are still actively investigating all three incidents. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is requested to contact Animal Control Officer Lainy Watkins at 636-4320. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**. Information provided to **WeTIP** may qualify for a reward.

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